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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Free Press: Michigan appeals court ruling overturned in case of man who sought jobless benefits after less than an hour of work

"... [T]he Michigan Court of Appeals reversed that ruling in an opinion released Friday, saying Ingham County Circuit Court Judge Rosemarie Aquilina did not have jurisdiction when she found the state agency in contempt."

[Full story](#)

Detroit News: Commission to study juvenile incarceration in Michigan

"The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, part of the Organization of American States, will hold a hearing Monday on the abuse children endure when housed with adults in Michigan prisons."

[Full story](#)

The Alpena News: Court denies AG's motion in Steiger case

"... [Presque Isle County] Prosecutor Richard Steiger was accused of obtaining duplicate prescriptions for narcotic painkillers in December 2011, a charge he has denied ever since. After the case was thrown out, first by 88th District Court Judge Theodore Johnson and then by 26th Circuit Court Judge Michael Mack, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette's office appealed the case once more.... An appeals court order dated March 5 states the application was denied 'for lack of merit in the grounds presented.' "

[Full story](#)

Daily Press & Argus: Howell We the People team raising money to compete in Washington

"... We the People is an annual competition that lets some of America's brightest high school students put their talents to use analyzing key constitutional questions. Competing in the nationals is a once-in-a-lifetime experience because contest rules prohibit a return trip by any participant."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Grand Rapids marijuana dispensaries, raided Wednesday, still in business

"... Lt. Richard Nawrocki, head of the vice unit, said those shops were believed to be operating in violation of the state's medical marijuana law, particularly in light of a February state Supreme Court ruling that essentially made dispensaries illegal."

[Full story](#)

The Holland Sentinel: Deputies nab marijuana as person enters courthouse

"The deputies who guard the entrance at the Allegan County Courthouse, are used to weeding out objects that don't belong in the building, but it's not often they find, well, weed in those searches. A person was cited Tuesday afternoon for bringing marijuana to the facility at 113 Chestnut St. in downtown Allegan, according the sheriff's department."

[Full story](#)

Ingham County Legal News: Robert J. Danhof, mourned by courts

"Robert J. Danhof, the long-time chief judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals and a delegate to the 1961-62 Michigan Constitutional Convention, will be remembered for his intelligence, leadership, and dedication to public service, said Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr. and Court of Appeals Chief Judge William B. Murphy."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Robert J. Danhof, former Michigan Court of Appeals chief judge, delegate to 1961-62 state Constitutional Convention, mourned by Michigan courts

[Press release](#)

Ingham County Legal News: Supreme Court justice sees need for election reforms

"Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget McCormack of Ann Arbor says she has enjoyed her first two months on the bench and reports that her new colleagues have all been warm and helpful. But she admits to being humbled recently."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Jackson County Legal News, the Muskegon County Legal News, and the Washtenaw County Legal News.

Ingham County Legal News: High School Students can experience 'Moot Court'

"This summer, high school students can experience what it's like to argue a case before the Michigan Supreme Court, thanks to a program being offered by the Court's Learning Center."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

High School Students Can Experience 'Moot Court' Through Supreme Court Learning Center Summer Program

[Press release](#)

Ingham County Legal News: Asked and Answered: Neil Rockind on Michigan's Medical Marijuana Laws

"... Thorpe: In a recent opinion, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled 4-1 that the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act (MMA) does not cover patient-to-patient transfers or sales, and doesn't protect dispensaries, compassion clubs or other places where those transfers occur. What will be the immediate and long-term effects of the ruling?"

[Full story](#)

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Jackson County Recovery Court has its largest ever graduation; 16 complete program

"... [James] Gonzales was one of 16 people to graduate Friday from Jackson County Recovery Court, an intensive program aimed at helping felony offenders struggling with substance abuse. The graduation was the largest ever for the court, which has expanded its caseload since it received a three-year \$1 million federal grant in 2010."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Circuit court envisions a paperless future

"Officials with Macomb County Circuit Court have a plan in place — and a signed agreement with a technology firm — aimed at making the court the first paperless state court in Michigan.... ImageSoft of Southfield was recently selected to implement a document and process management solution to help the court reach its goal."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Ruling a blow to prosecutors

"The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling last week that a defendant cannot be retried, even when his acquittal was based on a judge's blunder, was cheered by defense attorneys.... The unusual case stemmed from a criminal trial judge in Detroit who mistakenly believed that the crime of arson had one more element than it actually does under a Michigan state statute."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Editorial: New justice will improve high court's integrity

"The recent appointment of David Viviano to the Michigan Supreme Court won't exactly shake up the political mix on our state's highest court, but the selection of Viviano, who was serving as a circuit court judge in Macomb County, is certain to improve the integrity and professionalism of the court."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune and the Oakland Press.

The Macomb Daily: Richmond Township wins again in Rondigo dispute

"Richmond Township for the second time in a month basically won a Court of Appeals ruling and saved money in its years-long legal dispute with a farm operation."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune.

The Morning Sun: Gratiot courthouse security revisited?

"A special meeting of the Gratiot County Courthouse security committee was held Friday, but the future of its security is still up in the air. A county commission resolution passed in a three to two vote last week, discontinued the security service hired last year. After April 8, there will be no weapons checks, although signs will likely be posted that no firearms are allowed."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Preserve George Washington's birthday to honor his accomplishments - GUEST OPINION

Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Michael Warren writes "... We were supposed to celebrate with great vigor the accomplishments of all of our presidents, such as Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Warren Harding and Benjamin Harrison. The holiday was intended to commemorate the singular, historic accomplishments of George Washington."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Free legal information help desk offered at Oakland County Courthouse

"There is a Free Legal Information Help Desk for pro se litigants, (those representing themselves in court cases), at the Oakland County Courthouse.... The OCBA and LAD jointly sponsor the help desk, which is staffed by LAD and pro bono attorneys noon to 2 p.m. Thursdays in the lobby of the north entrance of the courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.